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Dear John:

[redacted] and I commence our round the world trip next Monday, 31 August, going first to the Far East, and visiting England 10 to 16 October.

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The recent FAIS survey in Nigeria by [redacted] produced favorable results, but we have not yet reached a decision. This will probably be reached before I get to England, and I suggest as an agenda item for our Coordination Committee Meeting that we each report on our African monitoring plans as they stand at the time of the meeting.

I also propose at the meeting to furnish an up to date statement of FBIS requirements for monitoring coverage, to supersede the one supplied at our meeting in March 1955. Our concern here is mainly with Soviet international services, along lines discussed with you by [redacted] at Caversham last January.

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Another topic which seems appropriate for the agenda is the status of our Mediterranean Bureau in Cyprus. We of course want to continue the existing arrangements when the new government takes over, and this matter is under exploration by the State Department. I suggest that the minutes of the meeting affirm the intention of each Service to continue the existing reciprocal arrangements for Kyrenia-Caversham coordination and communications from Cyprus.

Should you wish to communicate with me before my arrival in England, I will be at Kyrenia 27 September to 2 October; Vienna 4 to 7 October; and Frankfurt 7 to 10 October. I can also be reached at other bureaus before these dates through FBIS Headquarters.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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